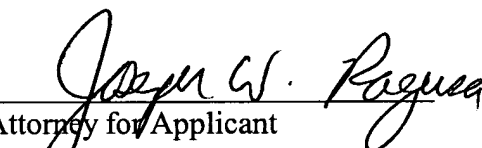


REMARKS

The above amendment more closely correlates the Abstract to the currently claimed invention. The amendment also improves the form of the specification and the title. The accompanying Request for Continued Examination includes a request for a three month suspension of action as well as the fee for the suspension. Applicant intends to file additional papers within the three month suspension period. In the parent application, claims 45-47 and 49-53 were allowed.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning at page 11, line 4 and ending on page 11, line 9 has been amended as follows:

--[With] When the height [in] of the molten [state of] material becomes 50 mm or less, impurities which easily remain inside the crystal, such as a metal element of a scavenger and oxygen, can [be] efficiently be discharged to the outside so that the impurity concentration in the crystal can be further lowered.--